

MEXICO ARMING VOLUNTEER CORPS

Counter Militia Movements
Are Reported Across Border
From El Paso.

MORE U. S. TROOPS CAMP

Massachusetts and Pennsylvania Men on Duty—Woman
Tells of Outrages.

El Paso, Tex., July 5.—Rain this afternoon along the Mexican border put the newly arrived militiamen in high good humor. It cooled the air, laid the dust of months and generally convinced them of the untruth of the stories told by the regulars that it never rains in El Paso.

Also it was regarded as the beginning of the rainy season in the Southwest for which General Pershing's army in Mexico has been preparing. Only 1.65 inches of rain has fallen here during the first half of the year.

National guardsmen continued to arrive today. Pennsylvanians went into camp at El Paso and New Jersey volunteers moved on west to Columbus, N. M. The volunteer artillery has been bivouacked with the regular artillery on the Fort Bliss reservation. The other volunteers are all being encamped in separate grounds outside the fort or near the river on the lower section of El Paso. Four branch U. S. C. A. organizations have been established among the militiamen.

The Massachusetts militiamen were busy today shaving and cleaning up. Capt. Jack Dunn of Company D is an officer of a safety razor company, and he distributed the razors among his command today. The Ninth Massachusetts received two dozen pairs of boxing gloves from John S. Dooley, "gentleman in waiting" to Cardinal O'Connell of Boston.

Mexican Mobilization.

While the U. S. National Guard organizations are being mobilized the Mexican de facto Government is taking similar steps with volunteer troops concentrated in some of the larger cities of northern Mexico, according to reports here today. These reports indicate that large commands of volunteers have been mobilized at Chihuahua city, Jimenez, Parral, Roswell, Torreon and other cities. Carranza is being drilled daily, while Carranza recruits agents in those districts have never slackened the activities begun several weeks ago.

Motor Car Equipment.

In this connection steps are being taken here today to equip with motor cars the ambulances of the National Guard organizations on station in El Paso. It was announced that the First Massachusetts ambulance company probably would receive motor equipment within a few days and that trucks would be assigned to replace, as far as possible, the wagon trains of the militia organizations. With the expected arrival of the several units of the Pennsylvania guard, it is believed that concentration of militiamen in El Paso will be completed.

Turns Back the Clock.

In effect the latest note purposes that the clock be turned back to the time immediately following the Columbus raid and when negotiations were afoot for the passage of American troops into Mexico in pursuit of the raiders. Conditions have changed since then, however, Gen. Carranza having assembled a considerable army in northern Mexico and the United States having called the entire National Guard to the line for patrol duty.

American Woman Robbed.

Taken from a train in Mexico, threatened with execution because she was a "gringo," robbed of all of her money and then released, a woman from the George Towns, an American woman 36 years of age, reached the border today from central Mexico determined to return to the United States.

Joint Patrol of Border.

Obregon proposed that at necessary intervals along the border camps of Mexican and American troops be established opposite each other on their respective sides of the line. Information as to bandit movements would be interchanged by the camp commanders and military operations against the raiders be conducted jointly, although each force would remain within its own territory.

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MEXICAN WAR AVERTED, VIEW IN WASHINGTON

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Pershing has already begun to move his forces toward the border. The State Department still declines to say whether the withdrawal was in response to orders from President Wilson or whether it was entirely dictated by Gen. Pershing's strategy. At the Mexican Embassy it is said that the reasons for the withdrawal are no concern of the Mexican government, but that the fact of the withdrawal has proved the chief means of averting the threatened breach. It is known that Carranza's abandonment of his defiant attitude toward the United States coincided with the knowledge that Gen. Pershing had begun to move his forces northward, which was the main contention of the Mexican government.

No formal comment on the note was obtainable from State Department officials to-night. A copy was forwarded to the White House and President Wilson will determine the course to be pursued. The fact that Secretary Lansing completed his preparations today for a month's vacation to begin Friday is regarded as significant of a feeling that the crisis is over.

May Be No U. S. Reply.

It is not known whether a formal reply to Carranza's note is contemplated. Diplomatic usage does not call for one, and many officials feel that more can be accomplished through informal discussion between Mr. Arredondo and Carranza's envoy, who will act as Secretary in Mr. Carranza's absence, than could be hoped for in any other way. It is understood Mr. Arredondo plans to call on the Department tomorrow to say good-by to Secretary Lansing, and probably the preliminary steps necessary for the inauguration of the informal discussion will be taken then.

State Department officials appeared entirely satisfied with the definition of the matter to be settled as outlined in the new Mexican note. It is presented in this language, as translated at the embassy:

The American Government believes, reasonably, that the insecurity of its frontier is a source of difficulty, and the Mexican Government on its part believes that the stay of American troops on Mexican territory, aside from being a trespass on the sovereignty of Mexico, is the immediate cause of the conflict.

Therefore the withdrawal of American troops on the one hand and the protection of the frontier on the other are, according to reports here today, the solution of which must be the directing object of the efforts of both governments.

To Withdraw Gradually.

While the object of the negotiations is clearly outlined and appears acceptable to the State Department, the subjects to be considered specifically will have to be arranged later. President Wilson has made it clear time and again that gradual withdrawal of the expeditionary force would be ordered once he was assured that Carranza's forces would be employed actively in breaking up bandit preparations for new raids.

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